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PRESS RELEASE

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Nature of Event: Sheriff's Reserve Officers Aid In Holiday Food Giveaway
Location of Call: Auburn

Released by Dena Erwin, Community Services Officer (530) 886-3592

SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:

The Placer County Sheriff's Reserve Officers Association joined efforts with the Granite Bay Lions Club to provide Thanksgiving meals for 110 area families.

Sheriff's Reserve Commander Lynn Seeley said the two groups first teamed up in 1999 to feed 25 families, who are selected by the Family Cooperative Project. Last year, food for 50 families was gathered. This year, the groups were very excited to more than double last year's efforts.

"We do this from the heart for the people of this community," said Chris Gibbs, president of the Granite Bay Lions. "This helps us by helping others."

Charlene Brooks of the Family Cooperative Project said the less-fortunate families arrived all afternoon Monday to collect their food.

"Many people have lost their jobs this year and they are all very excited and grateful for this," she said.

The Family Cooperative Project is a resource center that collaborates with Placer County agencies to provide needs for any family in crisis, Brooks said. It is a program of the Child Abuse Prevention Council.

The Roseville-Sunrise Lions also contributed 20 meals to Monday's giveaway, said President Jim Young.

Reserve officers sorted the food and delivered it to each car.